

REMARKS

This communication is being filed in response to the final Office Action having a mailing date of July 29, 2005. With this amendment, claims 21 and 23-25 are pending in the application.

In the final Office Action, claims 21 and 23-25 were allowed, for which the applicants thank the Examiner.

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-13, 20, and 26-27 were rejected on the basis prior art cited by the Examiner. Claims 2, 11, 14-19, and 22 were previously canceled.

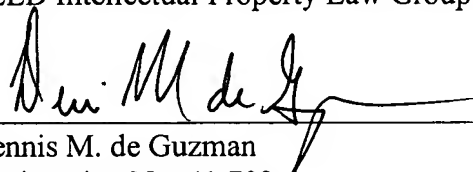
The rejected claims 1, 3-10, 12-13, 20, and 26-27 are canceled herein without prejudice. With these cancellations, allowed claims 21 and 23-25 remain pending in the application, and the application can proceed to a Notice of Allowance.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable. Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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